

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7, 13-19, 25 and 26 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 8, 9, 20 and 21 remain in the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original and other claims in this and in other applications.

Claims 8, 9, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Genser in view of Hussam. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

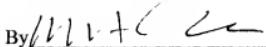
According to claim 8, a user can “designate a word other than the retrieval keywords,” and “the word can be highlighted.” Genser fails to disclose or suggest these important aspects of the claimed invention. Contrary to the Office Action, the features are not described in ¶¶ 0044 and 0059 of Genser. Genser says that some search terms may be lowlighted. Please refer to ¶ 0059, lines 10-15: “A result index may then be updated to display the results of the search. Certain items may then be highlighted, while others are lowlighted. Highlights may indicate that there are search term matches within the category, and lowlights may indicate the absence of search term matches within the category.” Genser only suggests that some search terms may be lowlighted. Genser does not suggest allowing the user to designate a word other than the retrieval keywords, and that the word other than the retrieval keywords can be highlighted.

Genser fails to disclose or suggest the apparatus of claim 8, “wherein [a] query character string input unit allows a user to designate a word other than the retrieval keywords, the word can be highlighted by [a] document output unit in the presented one of the selected documents.” Hussam is relied upon for other features. Therefore, claim 8 should be allowable over the combined teachings of Genser and Hussam. Claim 9 depends from claim 8 and should be allowable along with claim 8 and for other reasons. The remaining claims (claims 20 and 21) recite limitations similar to those discussed above, and should be allowable along with claim 8, and for other reasons.

Allowance of the application, with claims 8, 9, 20 and 21, is solicited.

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